

Mid North Coast Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting Minutes
Nambucca Shire Council Chambers
22 February 2018

Attendees:

Name	Organisation
Supt FEHON	NSW Police
Insp FLAHERTY	NSW Police
S/C HARVEY-WALKER	NSW Police
Rhonda HOBAN	Nambucca Shire Council
Janine REED	Community member
Jane JONES	Community member
Leona BUSH	Community member
George SALLOUM	Business Owner
Phillip BURBRIDGE	Business Owner
Graham ALLAN	Community member
Greg BLAKE	Community member
Alana SILLS	Life Time Connect
Emma ROWSELL	TAFE NSW
Trevor LEDGER	Community member
Dorothy COLLISON	Community member
Beryl LANE	Community member

Apologies:

Nil

Start: 10:15am

1) Introduction and Welcome

Supt FEHON welcomed those in attendance at the meeting and thanked everyone for their time and interest. Police officers and those present introduced themselves. Supt FEHON explained the re-engineering process and the new naming of Police District and Police Area Commands. The Mid North Coast area of responsibility would geographically remain the same. Inspector FLAHERTY was introduced by Mr FEHON as being the Duty Officer for this area.

2) Matters arising from previous minutes

No matters arising from the previous minutes.

3) Crime review by S/C Harvey-Walker

- **LAC financial year to date results**
- **Control charts - main crime categories – past 3 years**
- **More detailed analysis for Nambucca LGA (Nambucca cluster)**

Hastings Cluster: 12 weeks to 25/2/2018

Incident Category	Comboyne	Laurieton	Lord Howe Island	Port Macquarie	Wauchope	Grand Total
Assault	1	17		89	27	134
Break And Enter	1	18		37	16	72
Drug Detection		16	7	103	22	148
Fraud		6		77	3	86
Malicious Damage		24	1	123	32	180
Robbery		1		5	1	7
Stealing	2	34		185	40	261
Stolen Vehicle/Vessel	1	8		9	5	23
Grand Total	5	124	8	628	146	911
% of Cluster	1%	14%	1%	69%	16%	

Macleay Cluster: 12 weeks to 25/2/2018

Incident Category	Bellbrook	Gladstone	Kempsey	South West Rocks	Grand Total
Assault		15	118	12	145
Break And Enter	3	5	113	9	130
Drug Detection			89	8	97
Fraud		2	17	16	35
Malicious Damage		3	80	4	87
Robbery			7		7
Stealing	4	18	139	30	191
Stolen Vehicle/Vessel		5	23	2	30
Grand Total	7	48	586	81	722
% of Cluster	1%	7%	81%	11%	

Nambucca Cluster: 12 weeks to 25/2/2018

Incident Category	Bowraville	Macksville	Nambucca Heads	Grand Total
Assault	14	24	42	80
Break And Enter	7	47	20	74
Drug Detection	12	4	14	30
Fraud		7	16	23
Malicious Damage	10	34	27	71
Stealing	2	33	48	83
Stolen Vehicle/Vessel	3	2	4	9
Grand Total	48	151	171	370
% of Cluster	13%	41%	46%	

Nambucca Cluster Crime Categories in more detail

Assault

72 incidents in this period
56 Common Assaults
23 Actual Bodily Harm assaults
1 Spike Drink/Food

58% residential premises
22% outdoor public place
10% licensed premises
7% business/commercial

53% non DV related
47% domestic violence related
43% alcohol related
31% personal violence related
Others including rural crime related, mental illness related & child abuse related made up the remainder in smaller percentages.

Break & Enter

63 incidents in this period
41 Break/Enter & Steal
20 Break/Enter Intent Steal
2 Break/Enter & Commit Other Felony

48% residential
29% business/commercial
10% health
6% education
5% recreation
3% outdoor/public place

The projection for break & enters shows an increase for February 2018 with 40 incidents compared to the previous month where there were 30.

BES incidents were also demonstrated to the meeting with a graph which represented a prominent offender during both a custodial and non-custodial period. There was a pronounced increase in the number of break & enters during the time the POI was not in custody.

Drug Detection

28 incidents in this period
10 cultivations
18 possess drug/plant

71% outdoor/public places
25% residential
4% law enforcement

Fraud

22 incidents in this period
10 forgeries
4 scams – obtain funds
8 unauthorised access of funds

68% business/commercial
27% residential
5% outdoor/public place

Malicious Damage

65 incidents in this period
64 malicious damage to property
1 graffiti

60% residential
14% outdoor/public place
8% education
5% carpark
3% business/commercial
Lesser percentages occurred in rural industry, industrial, health.

Stealing

69 incidents in this period
27 other stealing
21 stealing from motor vehicles
15 stealing from retail store
5 stealing from dwelling
1 steal from person

30% business/commercial
25% outdoor/public place
25% residential
9% licensed premise
6% carpark
3% recreation
1% utilities

Stolen vehicle/vessel

9 incidents in this period
4 Nambucca Heads
3 Bowraville
2 Macksville

44% residential
44% outdoor/public place
11% industrial

Other incidents of note

Reactive Incidents	Proactive Incidents
972 Traffic incidents	73 Bail compliance checks
135 DV- No Offence incidents	91 Person Searches
88 Child at Risk Incidents	118 Business Inspections
13 Firearm Legislation Incidents	48 Apprehended Violence orders
27 Judicial Offence incidents	24 Vehicle Searches

CRIME DISCUSSION

The members present raised concerns about the number of break and enters and juveniles committing crime which included malicious damage to business and private premises and the high costs involved in making repairs with little chance of recovering compensation.

During the meeting, there was a general discussion on the statistics presented above. Superintendent FEHON expanded on the increased numbers of drug seizures and assaults. Conversation extended to the bail systems, bail refusal by police, video links between custody and the court. Prisoner transport and the effects on police numbers on the street with input from those present and their feelings about bail. Mr FEHON reiterated that for him to task and deploy police in the right areas it was important for the community to keep reporting crime that was occurring in their area. Some frustration was expressed by members of the community in relation to youth who seem to wonder the streets and were well known to the community, seemingly 'getting away with it'. Mr FEHON encouraged members to contact the police.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Further information was presented to the meeting by Mr FEHON in relation to Random Drug Testing and the need for road safety awareness to return as an education focal point not just by police but community members also, again by reporting dangerous or poor road users to police. Mr FEHON also explained how specially selected officers rostered in the Summer Proactive Team had achieved excellent results recently. He was very proud of their achievements. Body worn video cameras were discussed and the meeting was informed that following a successful trial it was anticipated that by about June 2018 officers attached to the Mid North Coast Police District would be wearing these devices. The devices have already provided success in prosecuting offenders and deterred offences against police such as assault police and resist arrest matters.

Future Meeting Dates

5 June 2018 – Port Macquarie

4 September 2018 – Kempsey

27 November 2018 – Nambucca Heads

Finish 12:15pm

Action Items			
Intended Outcome	Agreed Strategies	Partner Agencies / Community member	Timeframe